

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing you to request, in the strongest possible terms, that you reject the proposal to allow cell phone use on commercial passenger aircraft. There is ample evidence that the use of cell phones in the confined space of an aircraft cabin will create an unmanageable level of disruption and conflict among passengers. Cell phone users simply cannot be expected to observe decorum (quiet voice tone, short calls) that might make limited use acceptable. Alternatives such as separate cabin sections for cell phone users will be no more successful than smoking sections were in segregating the impacts of cigarettes.

Please help keep aircraft cabins hospitable to all passengers by maintaining the prohibition on cell phones. In my opinion, internet access or other voice-free communications (such as text messaging) could provide the benefits of communication, without imposing private conversations on everyone within earshot.

Thank you for your consideration.

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